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2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-10</u> .		
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The total combination of Claim 1 is not taught and/or rendered obvious by the prior art of record when considering the elastic means and the constant gap between the outer and inner conductive means. The closest prior art of Boll et al. (6,229,327) does not teach the constant gap between the inner and outer conductive means (see figures 1a-1c and 5a-5b).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles H Nolan, Jr. whose telephone number is 571-272-2171. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Hirshfeld can be reached on 571-272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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